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Alistair Wood Receives Quality Engineer Certification

Director of Quality Assurance Attains Key Credential.



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SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, JUN. 25 –Alistair Wood, the Director of Quality Assurance at Hardy Diagnostics, recently earned the Certified Quality Engineer (ASQ-CQE) credential. Wood, who has a degree in physics from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, began working at Hardy Diagnostics in early 2006 as a Quality Assurance Technician. His most recent promotion, to Director of Quality Assurance, followed his Quality Engineer certification.

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The Certified Quality Engineer credential is issued by the Certification Board of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). In order to sit for the certification examination, an individual must have eight years of work and/or experience related to the ASC-CQE Body of Knowledge. "ASQ provides certification as a way to provide formal recognition to professionals who have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality techniques and practices in their job and career," explained Jim Rooney, ASQ chair.

"This is a great achievement," said Jay Hardy, President of Hardy Diagnostics. "Alistair's commitment to excellence has made a big impact on our company. We appreciate his valuable contributions."

ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS - Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories. Hardy Diagnostics was founded in 1980 in Santa Barbara by Jay Hardy and Robert Shibata after they completed their Medical Technology training in the laboratory at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

Hardy Diagnostics manufactures over 3,500 different products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi. Among its offerings are products used to culture and detect pathogens commonly seen in the news such as *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, MRSA, and Influenza H1N1. In addition, the company manufactures reagents and media for use by molecular biology researchers. Over 8,000 laboratories throughout the nation are serviced by Hardy Diagnostics.

Today, Hardy Diagnostics employs 200 workers and maintains eight distribution centers throughout the U.S. Manufacturing takes place at its headquarters in Santa Maria, California and at a facility in Springboro, Ohio. The company also exports products to over 40 nations. The company's mission is to "partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease." For more information, visit www.HardyDiagnostics.com.

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